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Corps campgrounds, area facilities open for seasonal use

Walla Walla, Wash., -- Campgrounds, picnic shelters and other recreation facilities in the area are open for the 2001 recreation season, according to a recreation official of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Our office is now accepting group picnic shelter reservations, too," said Jeanne Newton, a park ranger at Ice Harbor Dam, near the Tri-Cities. "Those facilities are already open for the season and will be in high demand, so people who want to use them will need to get in touch with us to make a reservation to help in scheduling use."

The recreation season dates for area Corps facilities are: April 1-Oct. 31 for Charbonneau Park; April 1-Sept. 30 for Hood, Fishhook, and Levey parks. To get information about shelters and to make reservations for picnic shelters, visit or call the Ice Harbor administrative office at (509) 547-7781, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prices range from \$55-\$100. Payment can be made with cash, check, or money order.

Hood Park, Charbonneau, Fishhook, and Windust campgrounds and day use areas and **Levey Park** day use area are open. To reserve your favorite campsite, call toll free (877) 444-6777 or visit the Reserve USA website www.ReserveUSA.com.

Hood Park Boat Basin/Cargill Pond boat launch gate will be closed to motorized boats May 16.

The **Ice Harbor Dam Visitor Center** has been open since April 1. All facilities are open seven days a week from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. for the summer. For information on guided tours of the powerhouse and other interpretative programs, call (509) 547-7781.

The **Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center** at McNary Dam opened April 1. All facilities are open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for the season. The visitor center has interactive computer displays and a video presentation. McNary Dam takes reservations for group shelters at **West McNary Park** and **Spillway Park**. Reservation dates are available from April 1 through Sept. 30. Reservations can be made by calling the PSVIC at (541) 922-4388 between 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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